

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A rescue device comprising:  
    a floatation material;  
    a flexible mesh disposed about said floatation  
5    material, said flexible mesh being in contact with, an outer  
surface of said floatation material; and  
    a bonding material covering the flexible mesh and the  
floatation material.  
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2. The rescue device according to claim 1, wherein the  
floatation material is a closed-cell foam material.
3. The rescue device according to claim 1, wherein the  
flexible mesh is made from one of nylon, cotton, rayon and  
Kevlar.
4. The rescue device according to claim 1, wherein the  
bonding material is one of a paint or polyurethane.

5. The rescue device according to claim 4, wherein if the bonding material is a paint, the paint is a polyvinyl chloride paint.

6. The rescue device according to claim 1, further comprising a tow line having first and second ends and a length, the first end of the tow line being coupled to one end of the rescue device.

7. The rescue device according to claim 6, wherein the tow line has a plurality of rings arranged along its length.

8. The rescue device according to claim 6, further comprising a harness coupled to the second end of the tow line.

9. The rescue device according to claim 6, wherein the flexible mesh is secured to the tow line.

10. The rescue device according to claim 6, further comprising a securement device to retain the tow line in a compressed state.

11. The rescue device according to claim 10, wherein the  
securement device comprises a strap.

12. The rescue device according to claim 11, wherein the  
strap fastens upon itself by one of hook and loop fasteners, snap  
and button.

13. The rescue device according to claim 10, wherein the  
securement device is coupled to the tow line.

14. The rescue device according to claim 1, further  
comprising at least one of a harness and hook coupled to one end  
of the rescue device.

15. The rescue device according to claim 1, wherein the  
rescue device has one of a rectangular, circular, elliptical and  
triangular cross-section.

*sbo* 16. The rescue device according to claim 1, wherein the  
rescue device has first and second ends, the rescue device  
further comprising a tow line having first and second ends and a

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length, the first end of the tow line being coupled to the first end of (the rescue tube), the tow line having a plurality of rings arranged along its length, and a hook coupled to the second end of (the rescue tube) for securement to at least one of the plurality of rings.

17. The rescue device according to claim 1, wherein the bonding material is of sufficient thickness to coat the floatation material and flexible mesh to secure the flexible mesh to the floatation material.

18. The rescue device according to claim 1, wherein the bonding material has a thickness such that the flexible mesh provides a texture to the surface of the rescue device.

19. The rescue device according to claim 1, further comprising a reach assist strap coupled to the floatation material.

20. The rescue device according to claim 19, wherein the flexible mesh is coupled to the reach assist strap.

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21. A floatation device comprising:

a floatation material;

a flexible mesh disposed about said floatation material, said flexible mesh being in contact with an outer surface of said floatation material; and

5 a bonding material covering the flexible mesh and the floatation material.

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